(b) whether it is also a fact that nine sites for installation of WVM at Old Delhi Railway Station have been allotted to the aforesaid company by Northern Railways; and

(c) if so, under what circumstances, four kiosks have recently been opened at Old Delhi Station where AVM has been installed *in lieu* of WVM?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) No Automatic Vending Machine (AVM) kiosk has been opened in lieu of Water Vending Machine (WVM) at old Delhi Railway station.

Development of Western Corridor

2740. SHRI KESHUBHAI S. PATEL:
SHRI KANJIBHAI PATEL:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is planning of Government to develop western corridor from JNPT to Delhi *via* Vadodara-Ahmedabad-Palanpur-Jaipur-Delhi; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The proposed Western Dedicated Freight Corridor will start from Jawaharlal Nehru Port and will be routed *via* Vadodara – Ahmedabad – Palanpur – Rewari to Tughlakabad/Dadri. As per the present estimate, the project costing Rs.16,592 crore is targeted for completion in about 5 years after the start of construction of the project.

Employment to dependents of victims of Mumbai blasts

2741. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to refer to the answer to starred Question No.2 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 10th August, 2007, and state:

(a) the number of dependents of the victims of the Mumbai blasts of 11th July, 2006 who submitted application for employment;

(b) the number out of them who are under metric, metric, and higher secondary, graduates and postgraduates; and

(c) whether Railway propose to reconsider as a special case their decision to give at least group 'C' employment to graduates and postgtaduates as group 'D', employment for them would be un-reasonable and humiliating?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) 124 (One hundred twenty four).